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DEMOCRACY IN WASHINGTON

We always disliked the plan setting up the Rules Committee of the Congress as a czar over what might and might not be discussed and voted upon. The argument for it is that it weeds out a lot of undesirable legislation. But to us contend, is to fall into a trap - for the American people send 435 Congressmen to Washington to decide what is and what is not desirable legislation.

The powers of the Rules Committee have in recent years been slightly clipped. Very, very slightly. Now under certain conditions there is a bare chance that every 21 days a matter not approved by the Rules Committee, may get to the floor of Congress. To show what a very slim improvement that is - the Speaker of the House just failed to recognize one he feared might bring up something undesirable!

That is not Democracy, and it is not representative government. It is a dangerous usurpation of power, and amounts to legislative dictatorship.

This newspaper is opposed to a proposed Federal FEPC bill. We believe such matters can best be acted upon in other ways.

But we are equally as opposed to run-around tactics. We are in a sorry mess when 435 men are elected to Congress but they are not to be allowed even to discuss anything unless and until it is given the green light by a handful of bosses.

Yes, a good place to begin democracy is right in Washington - in the antiquated rules of Congress!

ALSO THE CHEAPEST

Were a citizen to be forever and eternally complaining about the cost of his community hiring a policeman, you could show that the cost to him might be far more did the community NOT have a policeman, and his life and property were unprotected and at the mercy of theives.

A person who forever and always fussed about the fearful cost of fire insurance, could also be told of the frightful cost of NOT carrying fire insurance, and seeing his life's work go up in flame and smoke.

And so along the path of a great list of things. It is not enough just to count the cost of having something. You can well figure on the cost of NOT having it.

Take good schools, for example!

Think of how many millions of dollars Virginia has lost by not having good schools! The cost of ignorance is amazing. It is one of the most expensive things you can buy! We know of no more profitable investment - in sheer selfish dollars and cents - our state can make, than to invest in education. Failure to do so has cost Virginia far more than the little dab of the long-green spent toward education.

The same applies to housing. One of the costliest things in the world is a slum district. Instead of riding through a town or a city and picking out one fine looking apartment project, and saying, "I'll bet that cost a lot of money," instead you should stick your nose into the disease-infested, socially sick, crime-breeding and politically dangerous SLUM district, and say, "Here is the most expensive thing in town."

Public housing is cheap. Slums are expensive!

A decent Farm Program for our nation would cost only a fraction of a return to the poverty of tobacco road! Malnutrition is a costly thing! Millions of ignorant, ill-fed, poorly housed and under clothed share-croppers make up a COSTLY item!

(The BEST is usually the cheapest! The nation pays a larger bill for ignorance, crime, fire, disease, delinquents, broken homes, mental-cases and institutions than it pays for its Federal Budget! The cheapest thing we can do - if we want to be downright mercenary about it, is to build schools, provide social security, a fair farm program, better hospitals and clinics, and justice for all our citizens. Not only is it right - it is CHEAPEST.

PASSING OF THE AQUITANIA

(New York Herald-Tribune)

The terse announcement from Liverpool last week that the Aquitania would be withdrawn from active service—although long anticipated—brought a note of sadness to many and marks the end of an era in Atlantic shipping. The Aquitania is the last of the old-style liners, the last of the pre-World War I immigrant carriers and the last of the great four-stackers.Known in recent years as the "grand old lady," the 45,000 ton Cunard White Star liner outlived by over a decade her larger and perhaps more glamorous competitors such as the Leviathan, Majestic and Olympic.

Since her maiden voyage thirty-five years ago the Acquitania has steamed some 3,000,000 miles and carried 1,198,000 passengers. She served as an armed auxiliary, a hospital ship and a trooper in the first great war and as a transport in the second. Never designed as a record breaker either in size or speed, she was big enough to show her heels to the speediest Nazi submarine. Since the war she has carried war brides, immigrants and "austerity" passengers to Canada. Described in company folders as the 'aristocrat of the Atlantic," the Aquitania still carries her four red and black stacks proudly, perhaps conscious that they, her sharply raked pole masts and her tier upon tier of unstreamlined superstructure make her unique among ships.

TRAGI - COMIC ESCAPE

(Winchester Star)

Why do children go for so-called "comic" books? A psychology professor at Massachusetts State Teachers College has just supervised a study of almost 3,000 school children, age six to 14, without reaching conclusions likely to surprise either the children or their parents.

"Comics" have their greatest appeal, he finds, when they depict heroes with qualities that are either figuratively or literally out of this world. Their second best drawing card is excitment.

From these generalizations the professor draws the not very startling conclusion that the kids read the comics for much the same reason that their parents go to the movies —to find escape, to flee the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune by seeking out the all-to-permanent oblivion of Hamlet but vicarious mastery of a vicarious environment.

The real world was not easy for ancestors of the present generation, and it is a truism if they had needed the escapist anodyne of comic books in their day they might have read of the today with awe and wonder. But their world was, by comparison, simple.Their fights were with their peers, not with hyper-tension-breeding complexities.

That, perhaps, is how they managed to survive even childhood without comic books.

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Another illustration of the tremendous value of newspaper advertising is proven in the announcement by the Continental Oil Co. of Oklahoma that it will increase its advertising budget this year by $500,000, bringing its program up to more than $5,000,000 for the year, with the greater part of it to be spent in newspaper advertising.

This company knows by experience that the best returns come from newspaper advertising, far more than in any other form of getting their product before the public. The fact that for the past few years newspaper advertising has shown gains far in excess of other forms is indicative of its worth.

BRITAIN'S GOLD RESERVE

(The New York Times)

When the convention began to take hold, in the second quarter of 1949, that the pound was going to be devalued, a "run" on Britain's gold and dollar reserves set in. Some people sold sterling with a view to buying it back later more cheaply, some postponed imports from Britain, and others speeded up their exports. In consequence, British holdings of gold and dollars fell from $1,898,000,000 on March 31 to a low of $1,330,000,000 on Sept. 17, the day before the pound was devalued from $4.03 to $2.80.

Sir Stafford Cripps has just announced that since devaluation Britain's reserves have recovered about 63 per cent of their March-September loss and that at yesterday they stood at $1,688,000,000. This development is not surprising. Transactions carried out in the expectation of profiting from a price decline, whether in securities, commodities or currencies, come under the general heading of "short sales", and the short seller can realize his profit only after he has "covered" his original transaction. The rise in Britain's gold stocks is predominantly a reflection of such covering operations.

Though Sir Stafford's figures are encouraging, therefore, it is necessary to add that they are decidedly of limited significance. Britain, by resort to the drastic course of devaluation, has induced a gold transfusion, which gives it a certain amount of time in which to work out its basic exchange problem; and that is all. Its real problem is reflected in the deficit of 279 million pounds in the United Kingdom's trade with the dollar countries and the over-all deficit of 400 million pounds of the sterling area. No rise in Britain's gold reserve that is readily conceivable can guarantee her continued solvency so long as this fundemental disequilibrium in her trade is permitted to continue.

LURING THE DOLLARS

Credit is given the State Health Department for the fine job of cleaning up roadside establishments, in an editorial recently printed by the Roanoke Times. The Times points out that since the 1948 sanitation code went into effect fifteen months ago great progress has been made. But, it points out, there are still hundreds of unsightly and unattractive highway establishments in Virginia.

The Times urged continued effort in this field, not only by the state and local health authorities, but by agencies such as the Virginia Travel Council, Virginia State Restaurant Association, etc.

The Times touches on a point that few people seem to realize; that Legislation can put a "floor" under the tourist industry, below which the business serving the tourist cannot go without being closed up by the authorities. But a minimum standar is not enough.

The fact that there are "hundreds of unsanitary and unattractive highestablishments" is a concern to most of our people, if they only realize it. There are few of us who in some way did not benefit through the expenditure of more than $200,000,000 by the tourist in Virginia last year. Our laws are as stringent as they can well be, but they do not cure the evil.

If we want more tourist dollars and through them greater prosperity then it is everybody's civic duty to insist upon courtesy, cleanliness, and guide data at establishments in contact with the visiting tourist.

U. S. hints a additional aid to China.

Census taking to start during the month of April.

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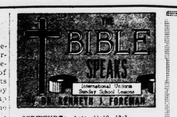

SCRIPTURE: Acts 11:19—13:3.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Isaiah 43:

Where We Came In

Lesson for February 5, 1950

A CIRCULAR LETTER came in the other day from a stranger who is hot and bothered because he has discovered that Jews and Negroes can belong to Christian churches along with white Americans. The astonishing thing is not that that should be true, but that any man should get excited over it. What astonished the Apostle Paul was not that Jews were in the Christian church but that anybody else could be! We must recall that Jesus was a Jew; that all the apostles were Jews; that the first Christian church at Jerusalem was composed exclusively of Jews.

Dr. Foreman

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New Type

THE CHURCH AT ANTIOCH, one of the great commercial cities of the Roman world, was where the Gentiles came in. The writer is indebted to his former teacher, Dr. Charles Erdman, for noting four ways in which that church in Antioch was something new.

They had no Old Testament, they knew nothing of the Old Testament sacrifices, they had no interest in the Temple or in the history of Israel. Like most Gentiles, they had usually thought of the Jew as a quaint but unimportant minority group. Now that these Gentiles were in the same church with Jews, there would be plenty of room for trouble.

Could a church made up of such different races become a true Brotherhood? So the old mother-church at Jerusalem sent up Brother Barnabas to look around. Barnabas was not the church's most brilliant mind, but he had a heart full of faith.

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New Leaders

GOD DOES NOT ALWAYS give the greatest successes to the "big names." Nowadays every one who knows his Bible knows Paul and Barnabas; but in Antioch both men were unknown at first, and untried.

When God wants a Reformation he calls forth a Luther, an obscure man who never fitted any of the existing priestly molds. When God wanted to open up Africa he called David Livingstone; when he wanted men for the far interior of Asia he called Hudson Taylor. When he wanted light to shine down into the slums he called William Booth.

These were all peculiar men by the standards of their times, but it takes peculiar men to break away from tradition's hearth-fire and break out new roads for the Gospel.

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New Center

FOR SOME TIME Jerusalem was the capital of the Christian world. All roads led out from there, so to speak. With the rise of the Antioch church, however, a new center took the place of the old. Jerusalem withered away. In later times Alexandria led, and then other cities.

For a thousand years Rome and Constantinople were the acknowledged centers of the Christian world. Now we have also London—New York—Geneva . . . Many such centers have small beginnings. In America's early days the churches of Scotland sent over missionary offerings for the use of the struggling little church of New York.

In future years, who knows? Some church in Yunnan may be sending missionaries to the feeble folk left in the war-devastated ex-white world.

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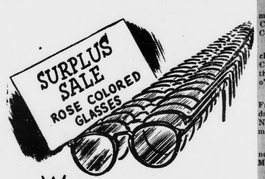
New Name

ANTIOCH is no longer a city of any importance. Missionaries go to it, not from it. But old Antioch left us something still cherished, a new name for believers: **Christian.** That name itself proves something.

It proves that the church in Antioch was something more than an aggregation of "churchmen." It was a family of Christ-men and Christ-women. These believers must have talked and lived something better than mere vague "religion." They talked of Christ, they loved Christ and they lived Christ, till even their busy neighbors took notice.

If your church had no name, and if your neighbors were to name it, and all the neighbors knew about it were you, by what name would they call it?



We really don't have any to sell, but there seems to be an over-supply of them on all sides. Many people think they see such a rosy future that they don't even bother to save. We know, though, that the time to prepare for lean years is in the years of plenty. Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst . . . save . . . save . . . save . . .

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Hixburg

Hixburg, Jan. 30.- The regular meeting of the Home Demonstration Club will be held with Mrs. Bob Covington Thursday.

Dr. J. W. Williams will have a class at the Hixburg Presbyterian Church Sunday morning preceding the regular preaching service at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. B. G. Grinstead returned on Friday from a week's visit with her daughter and grandson, Mrs. W. M. Newton Jr. and W. M. III, in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goin were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Sunday.

Mrs. C. B. Carson and Bettibel spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Marshall, at Walnut Shade. They, with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Marshall called at the home of E. P. Sears in the afternoon.

News has been received by relatives that Mrs. Walter Pearson (Sallie Marshall) has arrived in New Orleans from Caracus, Venezuela. Her husband will get to the States the first of February. They expect to go to San Francisco to establish their business.

Miss Jessie Carson, of Longwood College; C. B. Carson and John spent Sunday at "Scotland."

Miss Gertrude Sears spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sears, at Rosedale.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Covington and sons have moved into their home at Hixburg. The property was formerly owned by H. M. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Topping are spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Jennie Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Carson, of University of Virginia, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr and Mrs. E. H. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hungate are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Mae Harvey.

Mrs. Sam Anderson, of Appomattox spent the week-end with Mrs. Emma Thomas.

C. J. Paulette called in the home of Jesse Franklin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Baker, of Richmond called in the home of his mother, Mrs. Mabel Baker the past week.

Roy Conner and father, J. R. Conner, of Lynchburg were at their home here Saturday.

Mrr. O. C. Paulette and Mrs. Ryland Staples are visiting in Lynchburg today.

Miss Ruth Sharpe was the dinner guest Sunday of Miss Barbara Ann Wooldridge.

Locust Grove

Locust Grove, Jan. 26.- Mrs. David Garrette and her mother, Mrs. Nathalie Robertson visited Mrs. P. A. Garrette Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beale and daughter, Ann Ann, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. John Fulcher and son, of Prospect; Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Beale and daughter, Yvonne and Everette Beale spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette and Mrs. Nathalie Robertson sat until bed time Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Carnefix.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Scruggs, Mrs. Lula Beale and son, Walker, visited Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Garrette Thursday night.

Mrs. Mattie Coleman is spending a few days with Mrs. J. K. Meggin-son.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Jan. 31.- Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Evans, of Appomattox, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Tibbs Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Jennings has returned home after a recent visit with her son and family, of Christiansburg.

Mrs. G. W. Glover is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Burke, of Victoria spent last Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Staples.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and son Donald and Paul Ferguson called to see Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glover and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Evans and children, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Warriner last Sunday.

Mrs. Freddie Wooldridge was dinner guests in this same home last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reynolds and three children all called to see Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds recently.

Miss Bessie Ann Glover called to see Miss Jackie White Sunday night.

Mrs. Mary Thompson, of Lynchburg visited her sister, Mrs. Emma Evans recently. Mrs. Evans is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples, Mrs. Dave Childers and Mrs. Howard Glover all called to see Mrs. G. W. Glover recently.

Miss Eulalia Glover was Thursday night guest of Miss Ann Harris, of Oakville.

Little Richard Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton celebrated his sixth birthday Saturday, Jan. 28, with a party at his home. Games were played and a bright color scheme was carried out in refreshments, which consisted of a large lighted birthday cake and ice cream. Favors consisting of paper hats, balloons, suckers and gum drop candle holders were given each child. Richard received many attractive and useful gifts. Present were: Barbara Kay Staples, Johnny Farrar, Wanda Kay LeGrand, Sue Smith, Judith Smith, Jackie White, Marylin Irvin, Bennie Womack, Janet Tibbs, Barbara Ann Wooldridge, Fred Jr. and Juanita Martin, Pat and Nell Farrar, Cecil and Peggy Wooldridge, Reggie Davis, Doris, Ruth and Brenda Clapp, Ralph Ingo, Jene Andrew Williams, Nancy Jo Harvey, Donald Hamilton, Joan Harris, Phyllis Harvey, Jean LeGrand, Mrs. Jim Ingo, Mr. and Mrs. Otis J. Davis, Mrs. Ralph Smith, Mrs. Ryland Staples, Mrs. Fred Martin, Mrs. John Farrar, Mrs. George Farrar and Mrs. Fred Wooldridge.

Miss Carrie Hodges called to see Misses Eulalia and Elnora Glover Monday night.

Evergreen, Jan. 31.- Mrs. Lola Calhoun, and Joe Paulette, of Lynchburg were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Paulette on Sunday.

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